Fire in Krishi Bhavan

*83. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to a recent fire in Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi a large number of persons were trappar and had to be given medical aid;

(b) if so, how much time DFS took to control the fire;

(c) whether the building was not well equipped with fire fighting equipment; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to check all Government buildings to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (d) Nine persons were trapped and rescued of whom three were admitted in hospital.

It took the Delhi Fire Service about 3 hours and 35 minutes to bring the fire under control.

The Krishi Bhavan building had been provided with fire protection measures like Wet Riser System, Underground Water Storage Tanks, Fireman's Lift and Switch, Portable fire extinguishers etc. However, some other fire protection measures like automatic fire alarm system and control room, Public Announcement System, Compartmentation etc. are at various stages of completion.

The Chief Fire Officer has reported that improvement has been brought about to a great extent in providing safety requirements in unsafe Government high-rise buildings. Completion of job is, however, a time consuming process. Occupier Ministries have also been instructed that materials causing fire hazard be removed. They have also been asked to exercise control and ensure checking on fire safety measures already installed in the Government buildings.

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय द्वारा दिए गए बचत उपाय

*84. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा व्यय कम करने के लिए किये गये बचत उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) उक्त उपायों के फलस्वरूप अब तक कितनी राशि की बचत की गई है ?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) और (ख) यह मंत्रालय सरकार द्वारा समय-समय पर घोषित विभिन्न बचत उपायों का अनुपालन करता आ रहा है। इसके फलस्वरूप वर्ष 1991–92 के दौरान 4.43 करोड़ रुपये के बजट अनुमानों की तुलना में वास्तविक व्यय 3.45 करोड़ रुपये किया गया और इससे 98 लाख रुपये की बचत की गई।

Production of Arjun Tank

*85. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that final production of main battle tank "Arjun" is likely to commence soon;

(b) if so, what is the scheduled time for the commencement of its production;

(c) whether any decision has been taken as to where the tank is likely to be manufactured; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) A limited number of main battle tank "Arjun" are being manufactured as pre-production series. Decision on bulk production schedule will be taken after placement of production order by the Army, which is expected after successful completion of user trials in 1993.

(c) and (d) It is planned to take up bulk production of main battle tank "Arjun" at Heavy Vehicle Factory, Avadi under consortium arrangement with other agencies.